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Dear Wayne:

This letter will confirm our telephone conversations concerning the operation of No. 3 deep well and our plans with regard to No. 2 deep well.

No. 3 well was placed in service on September 9, 1968. We thus complied with the date that was given in my letter of August 7, 1968 which indicated September 15 as the target date.

We are currently operating No. 1 and No. 3 wells. It is only necessary to run one pump on each well to have sufficient capacity to handle the total volume of spent pulping liquor available. Thus, conditions have been restored to the status that existed prior to the failure of No. 1 well last spring.

In order to fully confirm the satisfactory operation of No. 3 well, we want to run it for a period of several weeks with two pumps in operation instead of one. We have been plagued with a series of mechanical problems with the pumps in No. 2 well pump house. One of the major problems has been failure of the valve discs which has been traced to a change in fabrication in material used by the manufacturer. They are now supplying us with a new and improved valve disc which they believe will give satisfactory service. We believe that these maintenance problems are now in back of us but will have to run for several weeks in order to be certain.

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The principal reason for running No. 3 for several weeks with two pumps is to verify that injection pressures will be satisfactory. With one pump the pressure is 1,240 psi and indications are that with two pumps it will be approximately 1,350 psi. These pressures are satisfactory for continued operation and we anticipate no problems in maintaining them.

After we are completely satisfied with the proven operation of No. 3 well, we will proceed to inspection of No. 2 well to determine its condition. We are now in contact with various people who can assist us in this inspection and should have further information on the condition of the well in approximately six weeks. Our further steps and schedule will depend on the results of this evaluation. We will keep you informed of the results. This whole program can be discussed in more detail during our meeting on October 23 in Erie.

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Very truly yours,

*Richard W. Brown*

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